

Introduced by Senator Escutia

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An act to amend Section 60242 of the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1380, as introduced, Escutia. Instructional materials.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt at least 5 separate basic instructional materials, as defined, for use in kindergarten and each of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in language arts, mathematics, science, social science, bilingual or bicultural subjects, and any other subject, discipline, or interdisciplinary areas for which the state board determines the adoption of instructional materials to be necessary or desirable. Existing law requires the state board to ensure that basic instructional materials meet certain specified criteria.

Existing law establishes the State Instructional Materials Fund and continuously appropriates the money in the fund to the State Department of Education. A school district is authorized to use allowances received from the fund to purchase instructional materials including supplementary and technology-based materials, from any source.

This bill would require that those supplementary and technology-based materials meet the same criteria as basic instructional materials.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 60242 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 60242. (a) The state board shall encumber the fund for the
4 purpose of establishing an allowance for each school district,
5 which may reflect increases or decreases in enrollment, that the
6 district may use for the following purposes:

7 (1) To purchase instructional materials adopted by the state
8 board pursuant to Section 60200 for kindergarten and grades 1 to
9 8, inclusive, or by the governing board pursuant to Section 60400
10 for grades 9 to 12, inclusive. A school district may purchase with
11 funds received pursuant to Chapter 3.25 (commencing with
12 Section 60420) instructional materials for the visual and
13 performing arts, foreign language, health, or any other curricular
14 area if those materials are adopted by the state board pursuant to
15 Section 60200 for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, or by
16 the governing board pursuant to Section 60400 for grades 9 to 12,
17 inclusive, and if the school district certifies that it has provided
18 each pupil with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional
19 materials in reading/language arts, mathematics, history/social
20 science, and science.

21 (2) To purchase, at the district's discretion, instructional
22 materials, including, but not limited to, supplementary
23 instructional materials and technology-based materials, from any
24 source. *Instructional materials purchased pursuant to this*
25 *paragraph shall meet the criteria specified by subdivision (c) of*
26 *Section 60200.*

27 (3) To purchase tests.

28 (4) To bind basic textbooks that are otherwise usable and are on
29 the most recent list of basic instructional materials adopted by the
30 state board and made available pursuant to Section 60200.

31 (5) To fund in-service training related to instructional
32 materials.

33 (6) To purchase classroom library materials for kindergarten
34 and grades 1 to 4, inclusive.

35 (b) The state board shall specify the percentage of a district's
36 allowance that is authorized to be used for each of the purposes
37 identified in subdivision (a).



1 (c) Allowances established for school districts pursuant to this
2 section shall be apportioned in September of each fiscal year.

3 (d) (1) A school district that purchases classroom library
4 materials, shall, as a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this
5 article, develop a districtwide classroom library plan for
6 kindergarten and grades 1 to 4, inclusive, and shall receive
7 certification of the plan from the governing board of the school
8 district. A school district shall include in the plan a means of
9 preventing loss, damage, or destruction of the materials.

10 (2) In developing the plan required by paragraph (1), a school
11 district is encouraged to consult with school library media teachers
12 and primary grade teachers and to consider selections included in
13 the list of recommended books established pursuant to Section
14 19336. If a school library media teacher is not employed by the
15 school district, the district is encouraged to consult with a school
16 library media teacher employed by the local county office of
17 education in developing the plan.

18 (3) To the extent that a school district or county office of
19 education already has a plan meeting the criteria specified in
20 paragraphs (1) and (2), no new plan is required to establish
21 eligibility.

